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SUBJ: TITO SPEECH TO YOUTH CONGRESS

1. OPENING OF NINTH CONGRESS OF SOCIALIST YOUTH UNION OF YUGOSLAVIA
21 NOV WAS MARKED BY CONSIDERABLE CEREMONY, HIGHLIGHTED BY
HALF-HOUR TITO ADDRESS.

2. READING SLOWLY FROM PREPARED TEXT, TITO TOLD DELEGATES (I AM
CONVINCED...YOUR REORGANIZED FEDERATION, AS INTEGRAL PART OF
UNITED FRONT OF ORGANIZED SOCIALIST FORCES LED BY LC, WILL BE REAL
ORGANIZER OF SOCIAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE." (BORBA NOV 22).
HE DESCRIBED CONGRESS AS GATHERING BOTH TO SET LONG TERM PLANS
AND TO DISCUSS PUBLICLY CERTAIN NEGATIVE TRENDS OF RECENT
YEARS TO BE PREVENTED IN FUTURE. HE PRAISED SELF-CRITICISM EVIDENT
IN PREPARATIONS FOR CONGRESS, NOTING NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN
MARXIST EDUCATION OF YOUTH, AND OTHER "STILL NUMEROUS" SHORTCOMINGS
"WHICH MUST BE ELIMINATED." HE STATED EXPECTATION THAT CONGRESS
WOULD "CONTINUE STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALIST SELF-MANAGEMENT,
FOR REAL ASSURANCE OF LEADING ROLE AND APPROPRIATE SOCIAL STATUS OF
WORKING CLASS, FOR STRENGTHENING BROTHERHOOD AND UNITY, AND
CONSOLIDATING COUNTRY AS SELF-MANAGEMENT SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."

3. COMMENT: TITO APPEARED HEALTHY. ALSO ATTENDING OPENING SESSION
WERE STAMBOLIC, DOLANC, BIJEDIC, GLIGOROV, LJUBICIC,
PETROVIC-SANE, SPILJAK, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS.
SOME 900 FOREIGN DELEGATES FROM 70 COUNTRIES ARE
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OBSERVING THE CONGRESS, BORBA NOTED. TITO SPEECH

AND ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERSHIP
AND FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TURNED OPENING OF YOUGH CONGRESS
INTO POLITICAL HAPPENING.
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